

History

The *Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs* is a section of Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS). It is Michigan's prominent family-centered care initiative. Every state has a similar special health care program under Title V of the Social Security Act. Michigan's Center was founded in 1988 as the Parent Participation Program (PPP) and renamed in 2006.

When CSHCS launched PPP, it was a national innovation to employ a parent of a child with special health care needs to represent families on the Title V administrative team. Because of the trial's success, numerous Title V programs nationwide have adopted the concept. Today, the Center is comprised primarily of parent consultants who have children with special health care needs.